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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
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March 4, 1988

TO: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No.: 88-12

SUBJECT: PROPOSED COMBINATION OF THE SHARE OF COST BUDGET COMPUTATION FORMS (MC 176M, MC 176M-LTC, AND MC 176W)

The purpose of this letter is to inform counties of the review and comments received from county staff regarding the proposed combination of forms MC 176M, 176M-LTC, and 176W. The draft form was distributed August 11, 1987 by ACWD Letter No. 87-46 and county review was solicited.

The vast majority of counties who responded felt that the form was too confusing and cluttered. Further, many counties commented that due to the lack of space, form instructions were not clear enough and crucial information had been deleted. In addition, many counties indicated that the proposed form was not sufficiently adaptable for the varying county budgeting methods. Finally, it was noted that while an experienced Medi-Cal worker would have little or no problem completing the form, the proposed revision would be confusing to an inexperienced worker which could lead to errors in the share of cost calculation and expose the county to quality control errors.

It has therefore been decided that the Department will not combine these three forms but will continue to publish the MC 176M, 176M-LTC and 176W as separate forms. Counties may draft a combined form for use within that county, however, any such county specific form must be submitted to the Department for review and approval prior to implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact Toni Bailey at (916) 324-4967.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

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